

PART IV

Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS)

4.1 Minimum Requirements

4.1.1 Accessible Sites and Exterior Facilities:

UFAS 4.1.1(1)	New Construction	This proposed amendment would allow public schools (grade 12 and under) to provide an accessible route to a more convenient bus/van loading area instead of a street or transportation stop. [AAC 92-36; Rul: 02/03/92] <i>Denied. This constitutes "separate-but-equal" design, which is not the intent of UFAS.</i>
UFAS 4.1.1(2)	Accessible Route: Locations	Is vehicular access permitted when a building is located far from other buildings? [AAC 92-39(a); Rul: 12/03/92] <i>No. This is best handled by a variance.</i>
UFAS 4.1.1(5)	General Exemptions	Provide a more descriptive definition of mechanical rooms, electrical and telephone closets, and general utility rooms to assist in the determination of whether the general exemptions of 4.1.4(1) apply. [AAC 93-07; Rul: 05/17/93 re: UFAS 4.1.4] [AAC 93-59.552; Rul Eff: 01/01/94] <i>Accessibility is not required to elevator pits, elevator penthouses, mechanical rooms, piping or equipment catwalks, lookout galleries, electrical and telephone closets, and general utility rooms. The Committee will not provide further details for general exceptions under UFAS 4.1.1(5).</i>

4.1.4 Occupancy Classifications

UFAS 4.1.4	Occupancy Classifi- cations	Who shall determine if the intended use of an area: a) will require public access or b) may result in the employment of physically handicapped persons? Provide guidelines for making said determination. Will a statement in writing from the user agency suffice? If the user of a facility indicates that they wish to exclude an area from accessibility requirements based on the presumption that a person with a disability is not now or ever will be working in the facility, will the AAC accept such a request within the scope of its authority? If not will the Committee provide appropriate guidance and/or forms for the user agency's certification? [AAC 93-1; Rul: 05/17/93] <i>While the Committee does have the authority to issue variances to HRS 103-50, it is not within the purview of the Committee to issue any certification forms or accessibility waivers.</i>
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4.14 Entrances.

UFAS 4.14.11	Minimum Number Entrances at Dwelling Units	<p>When projects have multiple dwellings that fall under the jurisdiction of HRS 103-50 are accessible dwelling units required to be geographically dispersed or can they be clustered? If they can be clustered, under what circumstances would it be acceptable?</p> <p>[AAC 92-08; Rul 06/07/92 re: UFAS 4.14.11] [AAC 93-24.552; Rul Eff: 01/01/94]</p> <p><i>ADAAG does not specifically address the concepts of occupancy classifications or dispersed housing. It is the opinion of the AAC that it is the intent of accessibility law and design standards to prevent segregation and provide equal access to persons with disabilities. Accessible dwelling units shall be dispersed throughout housing projects subject to HRS 103-50.</i></p>
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